against him , but they m requiring his presence should male choice of a fit time so that the enemy may have no advantage by his absence When they have viewed his accounts and heard what he can say in his own defence and excuse, they shall not give any sentence or deciec against him until the Queen hath been duly informed She hath given order in respect of the dislike which they conceive of him, that, if they be not satisfied with his answers, he shall be recalled home as soon as he is dismissed by them to be charged with those matters wherein they find fault with him

RECUSANCY IN Tin NORTH

The Earl of Derby is much commended for his zeal in the reformation of hib tenants from their smfulness in not resorting to their parish churches He hath also joined with the Commissioners to reduce the recusants throughout Lancashire, now almost overflown with a multitude of obstinate persons, offending publicly in the sight of the world, as it seemeth without any fear of punishment Her Maj esty greatly allows of their honourable, wise and politic proceedings , and the Council pray him not to stay the good cause begun in restraining the principal obstinate recusants either by imprisonment or by committing them to the custody of such as be sound in religion

This course is a most necessary to be taken in the present dangerous state of the country, nor should the reformation be delayed by following a long course m answering strictly all the statutes, howsoever any of the Justices may have delivered their opinions upon the strict point of law, not respecting what is most necessary at this time and in that county If any should repine against his former proceedings upon

conceit that any Justice or learned man showeth opinions* to the contrary, he is to be forthcoming and caused to declare the name of the Justice who shall be charged therewith, as a matter not any wise allowable

^^*ih March.* THE CASE OF ROBERT PAINE

Dr Aubrey and Mr. Justice Peryam are to examine the controversies between the widow of Robert Paine, lately deceased, and Sir Francis Willoughby, and either to conclude a final end between them or to report their full proceedings and opinions to the Council